# HINTS BY THE SOCIAL ARBITER ONE MAN AND HIS TOWN. GEN. LEE'S AUTOGRAPH.

### Washington Dinners, Officially and Socially, and What is Required of Host and of Guest.

By THE ARBITER.

The giving of dinners is a fine art in Washington, as it is, indeed, at all great deed, are never seen except in the homes political centers, for a good "dinner lubri- of the vulgar rich and ignorant. cates business," according to Samuel friends, treaties are made, political compacts entered into under the benign influence of savory viands, inspiring wines, and the wit and brilliancy of a clever

Just after the war the dinners given by at that period, were a public scandal. At these sumptuous feasts raids were planned guest the night before, said: "Immensely on the Treasury, bills for fraudulent claims were intimately discussed and folsted on unsuspecting Congressmen, appointments were decided upon, and i actually seemed as though the member of the Third House were running the gov ernment through the material appetites the weaknesses and foibles of those the glass. No one should allow his glass to people had chosen for that office. But marvelous banquets used as a means for shows lack of knowledge of social cus the debauching of Congress were known toms. The formal drinking of healths became normal in tone; but they never America and England, although in have lost, and they never will lose, their France and Germany this old-fashioned

occupy no official position the matter is to arrange. simple enough, but after a few seasons at the Capital one becomes tinctured with politics, and no entertainment is regarded political luminaries.

As to the character of the dinners, that has entirely changed in the last quarter of a century, and much for the better.

It is no longer the fashion to dawdle over interminable courses and remain for Selle de chevreuil, sauce polyrade et hours at the table. The menus are shorter, there is less wine used than formerly, and the smartest hostesses have their dinners served in an hour at the outside. This quick service is rather rushing matters if the dinner is a pretentious one, but it is questionable taste to plan things to eat there than anywhere else in town." But Mr. Z must learn the art of eating, as Mrs. Blank has learne the art of serving, and dispatch the various courses as quickly as respect for his digestion and his neighbors on either

name of the lady he is to escort to table name of the lady he is to escort to table. Answer—No, it is not necessary for the if she is a stranger to him he seeks her out immediately upon entering the drawing fing room, and asks for an introduction. When all the guests are assembled, the When all the guests are assembled, the host offers his arm to the most distinhost offers his arm to the most distinway into the dining-room. The other guests follow as they will, and the hostess, with the guest of honor, brings up the rear. Place cards should be used at all large dinners, so that the seating of the guests may be accomplished with as little confusion and those who are looked upon as really the newcomer. Politeness is at hosteon. Admission to the Army.

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From the New York World.

Within the last two months 8,000 men have applied at the recruiting offices in this city for enlistment in the army. In guests may be accomplished with as little confusion and those who are looked upon as really the newcomer. Politeness is at hosteon.

The servants should be noiseless, swift, and dexterous, and in the service the use of napkins is preferable to the wearing of napkins is preferable to the wearing of the marriage of a widow if both her parents are dead and she has no near taking to willow. white gloves. A waiter to every six she desires to infrust this fermality? was once lashionable. At some there a in good part. fine sauterne or claret, but there is always

Except for state occasions and public affairs, a written or engraved menu at him, but, wittily worded and cunningly contrived, they often tend to promote fun and conversation. Dinner cards, too besides the name of the guests, they Review for May, 1906. hold some amusing jingle, setting forth his fancy and foibles, are great mirth The Gridiron Club understands, as does no other organization, the getting up of dinner cards and menus, and a complete set of those it has issued gives an amusing and complete history of the main political and social incidents since its foundation. \* \* \* \*

Elegance and simplicity in the decora tion of the table is the order of the day, and the mass of cut glass, that was so much used a few years back, has given a handsome silver ornament.

At one fashionable house in town the middle of the table is adorned with a won-These unfortunates must be content with a chaperon, an older woman on whom the flowers and fruit that the markets afford, but, with taste and knowledge, wonderful effects can be produced with these
materials. An artist in Boston, widely
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and tr apricots, pears—every varying shade of the color is put in proper place, and the result is a delight to the eye. But such and do not worry about adverse cruian arrangement is for the hand of an ar- and do not worry about adverse crititist, not a tyro and woe be to him who

NOTE—The Arbiter will be glad to answer any questions of a social nature that may be submitted. Such questions should be addressed to The Arbiter, care The Washington Herald. and claret may be put in decanters on the table. Lace cloths with fancy linings are in the worst of taste, and, in-

A word more, just here, as to the dece Johnson, and there is much need for the ration of the table; flowers which have lubrication of that business known as very strong odor should never be used politics. Enemies are converted into for the sense of taste is so closely con nected with that of smell that they are inseparable. A strong scent at dinne destroys the flavor of the wines and food. If there are hyacinths on the table, every thing tastes of hyacinths, and so o through the list of strongly fragran flowers. A diplomat, noted for his acut the lobbyists, who overran Washington sense of smell, when asked how he had enjoyed the dinner at which he was except that the lady I took out work fresh violets on her corsage, and from the oysters until the coffee I seemed to be eating violets." . . . .

Wine should be poured by the butler a soon as the first course is served, and he should mention its name before filling be filled if he has no intention of drinking with the suppression of the lobby, the the wine; to do so is very bad form, and no more, and the dinners at the Capital and toasts is entirely out of date in custom is still punctiliously followed. Much less wine is consumed at dinner The first requisite for a successful dinner is that the guests shall be congenial. an unmarried woman takes wine at all and too much care cannot be given to she should confine herself to one glass, their selection. But to bring together peo-ple of similar tastes, similar interests, all of whom belong to the same circle, is a difficult matter here in Washington. where the social and political obligations to see a guest fasting through a dinner of a hostess often conflict. For those who which she has taken pains and thought

The following menu for a dinner given by a prime minister in Europe to ceras complete that lacks the presence of tain members of the diplomatic corps is an excellent model, but on this side of the water it is better taste to have the men printed in English rather than French:

Pain de Foies gras en Bellevue

should not be told. A person who illus-

A New York woman who occupies a city complained during a recent visit here that the conversation at the large dinners was too heavy. "One hears nothing," she said, "at big dinners but politics The policy of the President is discussed say-but that does not interest those to Church. the probable fate of bills. 'What do you others off?" Now who is Capron and hundreds of American citizens there. you think about Hughes?" And so it me as I talked with him: All my efforts to interest those with whom I came in contact were un availing because I couldn't talk politics Now in London it is quite different. Or hears a great deal of political talk, but he most rabid politicians are interested in books, music, the drama, art, and it is possible to talk at the dinners over ere on some subject except politics. This criticism is well deserved. The

help the digestion and speed the time once proof of the awakening of the cenhas produced results that are little short training and speed the time once proof of the awakening of the cenhas produced results that are little short training and once proof of the awakening of the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and the cenhas produced results that are little short training and tra Burgundy.

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# ANSWERS TO SOCIAL QUESTIONS

side permit.

At a large dinner each of the gentlemen receives from the attendant in the onerous task. Is it necessary that they should so Answer—A too strict construction of

guished woman present, and leads the it, simply from curiosity and to pass the would be to acknowledge every one who right of the hostess, and the others pres-ent distributed according to their official by mail is an indication that the person the kind thing. rank, if it is an official function, accord-sending them does not wish to continue

persons is sufficient, provided he is com- Answer-Such an announcement should petent, and the host and hosters should read: "The marriage is announced of never, unless some extraordinary occasion Mrs. Jane Smith and Mr. John Doe, in

Answer-These essays have probably each plate seems an affectation, for the diner-out knows what will be offered Arbiter does not know the publishers. You could find out at any bookseller's. The first paper on Washington by Henry

impertinence. . . . . 6. Question-Do you regard it as good form, M

may be able to give me, I am, very truly yours,
MISS CONGRESSMAN.

Answer-It is very unfortunate when derful beaten silver vase, or bowl, of very young woman is forced to take the From the Springfield Republican. Japanese workmanship. At another an responsibilities of a household upon her a famous worker in precious metals, is the for her to receive for her father even prospect, and this is how the message few Americans who possess such treasures, always well, however, for a girl to have makes studies of it in one color. For in- adversely criticise a girl whom Fate has tion why the markets should view the thunder of the captains and the shouting. stance, he will arrange a scheme in yel- put in the position her mother would low of oranges, lemons, apples, peaches, naturally occupy is cruel in the extreme For by this time it must be evident that

The centerpiece decided upon, the bonbons, nuts, olives, pickles, and such things as remain on the table during the dinner should be placed around it in the mer should greet the hostess first, before recognizing erea any of your other the hostess first, before recognizing erea any of your other the hostess first, before recognizing erea any of your other the hostess first, before recognizing erea any of your other the hostess first, before recognizing erea any of your other the hostess first, before recognizing erea any of your other the hostess first, before recognizing erea any of your other the hostess first, before recognizing erea any of your other the hostess first, before recognizing erea any of your other the hostess first, before recog 7. Question-I know, of course, etiquette demands handsomest dishes of silver, glass, or to wedge your way through the crowd, and it seems sooner.

1. Question—It seems that the women of the pres- | uncivil to ignore your friends while you are waiting

Answer-No, it is not necessary for the it entirely. One's conduct must always upon them in person, for a great many to see your friends until you had a chance

Answer—Sir Frederick Bruce. There is tradition that he was buried in the pitals for hopeful treatment. a tradition that he was buried in the United States, but as a matter of fact his

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a soup—a consomme, if the dinner is to be a long and heavy one—then a course of bad breeding," but it in—the essence of bad breeding, but it in—the essence of bad breedin salad, and dessert. Terrapin, which was social usages, and experience. It would formerly invariably served as an entree, be a kindness to any one who erred in engagement is also often made at a dinis now frequently offered in place of fish this way to point out the fault, and exner or reception which is given for this
York are many young men of excellent
York are many young men of excellent was once fashionable. At some houses happened to be a cad he would take it nouncement to a newspaper care should be taken that it is worded exactly as it the Scotch whisky and soda so much 4. Question—Can you tell me where I can find the that the names are Jegibly written. A habits of exercise can scarcely be to their desired it should be published, and A JAMESITE. note to the society editor should accom pany such a communication, asking her to be so good as to insert it in her column and the name and address of the person sending it should be accurately

The first paper on Washington by Henry
Jaraes appeared in The North American
Review for May, 1906.

10. Question—I am emboldened by the fact that you write with 50 much knowledge of diplomatic at fairs, to ask if the Count Szechenyi, who represented Austria-Hungary at the court of Berlin when Lord congagement, is it permissible to ask her if it is true!

Answer—Much is permitted between intimate friends, but for a mere acquaintance to ask such a question would be an importance.

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There is no essential difference between the agitations now going forward and those which shook the country in Andrew Jackson's time. The shouting is any connection of the Count Szechenyi I refer to was a most agreeable and amiable man, but far from rich, as Miss Vanderbilt? The Szechenyi I refer to was a most agreeable and amiable man, but far from rich, as Miss Vanderbilt? I have a most agreeable and amiable man, but far from rich, as Miss Vanderbilt? Subsand is credited with being, and found it a great hardship to keep

Szecheyni will have enough for both,

Business and the Campaign,

Useful in the Inevitable.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

ONE MAN AND HIS TOWN.

"Whole Thing." M. H. Carter, in McClure's.

A mile from the town of Bangor, in One of the recent additions to the Presitrates every remark with a story is tire-some at best, but when he tells a story that every one at the table has heard in a region of slate quarries and rich. Robert E. Lee to his cousin, Gen, Fitzagain and again, he deserves to be given productive farms-the Moravian country- hugh Lee. It was presented to the Presilives an Italian priest in a real Italian dent by the son of the latter, Capt. Fitztown. The priest is the Rev. Pasquale de hugh Lee, who is one of the White House prominent social position in her home Nisco, and his town is Roseto, named aids and the President's companion in Foggia, from which most of the early set. Washington. The letter is accompanied tlers came.

think are the navy's chances with this tried to improve all their conditions- near the mantelpiece in this comfortable

who is Hale, and what on earth are the Of this town, which contains to-day cover. The President's reputation for

elitely replied. 'I haven't had the pleas-the famous brass band, pride of the town. excellent use.

Although below medium height and not in any topic at my command, I turn- of commanding presence, Father Nisco d in despair to my other neighbor and makes himself instantly felt wherever he emanded to know what he thought of goes—in the crowded, buzzing Sunday aderewski accepting the directorship of school, the social gatherings, or in the conservatory at Warsaw, and if emergencies where the unobtrusive man hat meant that he would no longer ap- takes the burden, with life and death in ear in public. 'Paderewski?' Paderew-the balance. He is a man absolutely de-ki?' he mused inquiringly. 'Oh, he's the void of pretenses—Lincoln is one of his press now calls for better service from

Nor knowest thou what argument Thy life to thy neighbor's creed hath lent.

AWAKENING OF CHINA. Evidences of the Rise of a National

Sentiment. Sydney Brooks, in Harper's Weekly. It is not alone in army matters that the proval of his dangerous activity.

hat makes a man acceptable in society, olitics are well enough in their place, at at dinner one wants bon mots, epibut at dinner one wants bon mots, epi-grams, good stories, airy persifiage, to ests of the country as a whole, is at The anti-railroad agitation in the South to the subject discussed in this column state and a guarantee that those needs unfriendly legislation of certain States to-day than an extract from Baron de will be attended to efficiently. Again, a has frightened capital that would other-

When Chinamen of the wealthy and offi-cial classes are not merely permitted, but encouraged, to study abroad, a revolu-tionary process has begun which cannot be artificially stopped. A few years ago they would have been kept in the back-To-day they are welcomed and thrust to

## HARD TIMES ENLISTMENT.

guests may be accomplished with as interested and those who are looked upon as really the newcomer. Politeness is at bottom alone seven sound men were enrolled at Her secort is placed on the being "in society," should be returned in a mere matter of kindness, and one is the Park row office and many more operation assume that the property of the place of the property right of the hostess, and the others prespect of the hostess, and the other prespect of the hostess. diers is among the results of hard times. it still requires discernment to see the ing to their age, if it is a private affair.

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Sending them does not wish to continue her acquaintance with the person to whom they are sent.

S. Question—Can you tell me the name of the British Minister who died in this country, and if he service about 25 per cent of the New York was buried here or in England.

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body was sent to England and was interred there. See Leslie Stephen's "National Biography."

It was considered alarming in Great Britain when for the ten years ending with 1962 the rejections amounted to 34.6 per cent of the residual but as an available means of approaching an ideal. In the contraction of the residual but as an available means of approaching an ideal. per cent of the applications for enlist-ment in the army. It must be considered. never, unless some extraordinary occasion arises, address the servants during a meal. It is needless to say that at all formal dinners the service is from the side. The fashionable menu at this writing consists of raw oysters or clams, a canape or a shellfish cocktail, which is followed by a soup—a consomme, if the dinner is to be a large and before making comparisons, that the New York applicants have been almost entirely from the ranks of the unemployed, in the proper way in which an engagement should be announced?

Answer—An engagement should be announced by the parents of the young which seemed to me a lack of tact and a lack of tasts. Do you not regard such a procedure as the essence of bad breeding?

Answer—No; such a procedure is not live young the tenth."

9. Question—Will you be kind enough to tell me the proper way in which an engagement should be announced?

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Answer—An engagement should be announced by the parents of the young the total ment in the army. It must be considered before making comparisons, that the New York applicants have been almost entirely from the ranks of the unemployed, and that our army's enlistment standard is the highest in the world. Many time the total ment in the army. It must be considered before making comparisons, that the New York applicants love the proper way in which a No continental army demands of its re-cruits two molar teeth in both upper and

education who have occupied good office likely to be for the good of the service unrelieved disadvantage.

#### POLITICAL NOISE HARMLESS. Business Men Have Nothing to Fear

with being, and found it a great hardship to keep possible for the people to be thrilled by almost the lowest in material progressup the state his position required.

A FORMER DIPLOMAT. the same emotion all at the same time, yet show by the elaborate social regulations, and often by an innate nobility of character, indica-Answer—The Count Szechenyi who was formerly in the Austrian diplomatic service is, The Arbiter believes, the father of the count of the the count of the same name recently Washington. There is still a dominant phers and moralists, they are also free married to Miss Vanderbilt. Values and number of steady and cautious men in from so large a proportion of unbalanced way to the handsomer and more effective silver. At some houses the centerpiece of flowers and ferns has been replaced by standards are so different on the other Congress. They will not be raided, and minds—idiots and lunatics—as we posside from those that prevail in this counthey refuse to be terrified. Nor is there sees. On the other hand, we find in the However, the new Countess the people have a wish or purpose except savages as regards material progress for corrective and healing laws. All this being so, our apprehensive cally,

business men should pluck up their spir- equals, if not our superiors. Thirdly, we its. They have a hard enough job on have no proof whatever that even Not a quiet but a heated campaign with their hands to work their way back to men of the stone age were mentally or immense silver leopard, made in India by shoulders, but it is perfectly good form uncertain ending seems to be more in prosperity without being at the same time morally inferior to ourselves. harried by alarm at renewed appeals to chief ornament of the table, but there are though she is still in the nursery. It is comes to play a part in calculations over the groundlings. That sort of thing will soon pass, and be set down by the politi- From the New York Herald. the business outlook. When, however, cal historian of our times for exactly Controversies as to whether the ideal it is considered that even if Bryan were what it is worth. Meanwhile, it is for system is an asset or credit currency,

### HESPER.

Her eyes are like the evening air, Her voice is like a rose, Her lips are like a lovely song, That ripples as it flows; And she herself is sweeter than The sweetest things she knows.

Of wonder and surprise, She seemed a fairy or a child, I saw the homeward-leading star -Henry Van Dyke, in the Atlantic GEN. LEE'S AUTOGRAPH.

Roosevelt's Library.

From the Boston Transcript

after Roseto in the Italian province of his horseback rides in the vicinity of by an excellent photograph of the Con-Father Nisco came to "Eyetalian Town" federate general; the two are framed towhen it was the terror of neighboring vil- gether and occupy a prominent place on from A to Izard-ably discussed, I dare- lages and the despair even of the Catholic top of the low bookcase which extends around the room. Other letters in this wouldn't have a turned-up nose, nor whom political questions are a closed I asked Father de Nisco where he had collection are from the pens of Washingbook; then there is a lot of gossip as to broken in for betterment—what was the ton, Lincoln, Jackson, Monroe, and sevvery first thing he had tried to accom-plish—and he answered. "Everything! I Roosevelt in the White House. Hanging "Everything! I Roosevelt in the White House. Hanging girl-for I suppose he'll be just as big Congress? asked the wife of an adhomes, labor, the church, social conditions—near the manuspace in this countries hear the manuspace in this countries. The church homes, labor, the church, social conditions—near the manuspace in this countries hear the manuspace in this countries. The church homes, labor, the church, social conditions—near the manuspace in this countries hear the manuspace in this countries. table at one of the Cabinet dinners, it all growing at once," he added, "for photograph of the President's uncle, who 'Will Capron's bill go through? Is there I knew it would be slow, slow." was an officer on the Alabama, of the any chance that Hale will get his bill passed, or did he present it to kill the passed, or did he present it to kill the others off? Now who is Capron and lection of shacks to a town and reared and the bookshelves contain few books which he has not read from cover to oills about, anyway? All strangers more than 2,000 inhabitants, Father de rapid and thorough reading is well known, should have a key to the subjects that are lable to be discussed at a Washington inspector; health department, and arbiter library table which he is reading at odd linner, or the hostess should see to it of all questions relating to social condi-that subjects are introduced that their tions or business undertakings." He is also his desk in the White House office, where ut-of-town guests can understand. I the chief of the police force, the president he puts in the spare moments he has sked a grim old Congressman at dinner of the labor union, the founder of most there reading. It is when the President the other night how he liked 'Alice, for of the clubs—social, literary, musical, the-short.' 'Your daughter, ma'am?' he atrical, benevolent—and the organizer of tunity for reading, of which he makes

#### SOUTH AND RAILROADS. Tennessee Joining in What Seems

an Unnecessary Agitation, From the Bristol-Herald Courier "A growing section of the Southern

nan with the bushy hair. I never saw ideals-a man who might have walked in the railroads, and withdraws the plea for him; great actor, I hear. You are from the wood with Emerson. And it was unreasonable rates," says The Washing-New York, aren't you? Well, what do lines of Emerson's that came oftenest to ton Heraid. "This is a great deal saner, and something may come of it."

The plea is being withdrawn because the people are beginning to realize that a very serious mistake has been made and to urge that it be corrected before further damage is done. It is a hopeful sign, and one in which the political demagogue should be able to read disap

rerage American, even if he occupies an desire for a more unified and cohesive But it is to be regretted that just as the xalted position, is apt to be one-sided; system of administration has made itself pendulum had begun to swing back to a lacks general culture; the small talk felt. The formation of a board of com- position of reason and justice, Tennessee

for a dinner that takes a longer time to serve, especially when cotillions, balls, and suppers are to follow. "I hate dining at the Blank's," said Mr. Z the other day, "for I no sooner taste the course that is before me than my plate is sation at dinner, which should be light, gross and purely material pleasure. It gay, withy. Weighty political discussions should wait until the cigars and liqueurs are served. Worn and moth-eaten stories, for which the slang name is "chestnuts," suppers are to follow. "I hate dinary and interval appearance merely. If further evidence were required of the puts you in company with persons of consideration, and gives you an opportunity to display your intelligence or to cause young men of China would supply it. To the growth of Japanese influence, of a newspaper press, of a military spirit, of the growth of Japanese influence, of a newspaper press, of a military spirit, of the unemployed have ducational activities, and of administra-ive reform, there is being added the cult youth. How could it be otherwise? been considerably augmented. And all

#### ETHICS OF COMPETITION. Unrestricted Struggle for Gain Not

a Scientific Ideal. Prof. J. B. Clark, Columbia University.

If competition were supreme, it would be supremely immoral; if it existed therwise than by sufferance it would be a demon. Nothing could be wilder or

# MODERN MENTAL QUALITIES.

perior to Those of Ancients. Alfred Russel Wallace, in the Fortnightly,

The general idea that our enormous advances in science and command over nature serve as demonstrations of our mental superiority to the men of earlier ages is totally unfounded. The evidence of history and of the earliest monuments alike goes to indicate that our intellectual and

are yet generally admitted to be intellectually, and morally

What the Aldrich Bill Is.

cial tax upon these notes will restrict sun on the back or clapping one's hands their use to periods of emergency, at the beauty of the ocean.

Would He?

From the Detroit News. initiated the Roosevelt policies?

# MARIA'S MIDNIGHT LECTURES

### LECTURE NO. 26.

"Well, Job, dear, wonders'll never cease! Even now that it's all over I can hardly believe that for once in your life you were really decent enough to take your lawful wife to the theater. I did enjoy it so, dear. I think that Mr. Skinner is so clever; the way he rolls his eyes and shows his legs is simply perfect. I wisht you was as handsome as he is, Job-then, perhaps, Emily little Haley have a cast in his left eye. Poor boy, I'm so sorry for him; when he grows up and goes to make love to a a fool as his father was-she won't know whether he's looking at her, or admiring her shoes. Wasn't it too bad about the party this afternoon-what, didn't you hear? Little Haley was invited over to the Jenkinses for tea and ice cream, and you know what a shy little darling he is. That stupid hulk of a Jenkins went to little Haley and told him to make himself at home, and so the boy came trotting off home, and he some of them cookies I made for you yesterday that were burned in the baking. He was so delighted!

"But about the show-I'm glad you took me, and now I'm glad we're home again. I do so want you to sit up and tell me all about things. When you get started on the news of the week, Job, you're ever so entertaining; to listen to you is just as good as reading the Literary Digestion, or whatever the name of that paper is. People can say all they please about husbands being stupid, but the truth of the matter is, Job, that I love you just as well as if you had real good sense. Of course, I must say that you sometimes don't let me get a word in edgewise, but I reckon that's my own fault. I wish you'd read what Master Henry Watterson had to say the other day on 'Let the women talk'-if you'd only let me talk sometimes, Job, and pay heed to what I say you'd be better off in a great many ways, I can tell you!

"I wonder how you'd be if you were like that Scotchman I've been reading about who had 100 wives-just think of it; I'll bet he couldn't talk to them as you talk to me, Job, and I reckon they wouldn't stand for his going off to sleep just when they wanted to discuss the affairs of the day! Oh, Job, isn't it simply awful about that man Stillings and the Government Printing Office? I've just been studying it awful hard and trying to understand it. I wish you'd tell me what's wrong. Of course, I know that Mr. Stillings is fat, but he can't help that; that's just another fault of his system, I suppose. Of course, it must be pretty hard for the Public Printer to keep quite straight, having to read all that copy for the Congressional Record and print all those stories about people all! I think it's a fine example of 'shun evil example.' Seems to me, Job, that if you were getting a salary of \$5,000 a year and had \$5,000,000 to spend I'd see to it that you didn't waste any of it on now that the Public Printer was a friend of Mr. Loeb, but it seems to me that Mr. Loeb gets blamed for everything that goes wrong with the administration-even to the adjectives that get into the President's messages. My, but I'll bet he has to study the dictionary

some! "One thing I can't understand, Job, is this Chinese New Year's business which they've just been celebrating. There's only one year, it seems to me, and yet the Chinese say that instead of this being 1908, it's the year 4605. I wonder if they've lived that much longer than we have, or whether it just seems longer because they don't know as much as we do? It really makes me feel quite young again to think how old the Chinese

"Have you been paying much attention to politics, Job? I wonder what they mean by hitching Hitchcock up with Taft, and do you think it's true, as Calla O'Laughlin says, that Wall street is against President Roosevelt? It seems to me that the Presidential candidates' press agents aren't working any too hard these days-the only thing I've heard of them doing is getting Mr. Taft's moving pictures into the 5-cent shows, and I can't see that that's going to make many votes, do you? I wonder they don't mention Charley Landis as a Presidential possibility. I think he's such a nice man; he's so young; too, to have such gray hair; but the Indiana Landises were always handsome. I think it's astonishing how much they figure in the history of the country; there's one of them running an office down Cuby-way, and that other one fined the Standard Oil Company when nobody else would do it, and now here's Charley-I've always called him Charley 'cause we're fellow-Hoosiersthe first man to get his brains to working on the public printery! I tell you, the grand old State of Indianny is always to the front; first thing you know we'll be hearing of Tom Taggart or Harry New again! "Have you been reading, Job, about

Mr. Thaw, up there in Matteawan? The last thing I read about him was that he was shoveling snow-not that that's any particular hardship, for I see that some of his friends, the chorus ladies, shoveled the snow off the sidewalks in front of the New York theaters, the other day. I hear that he's just crazy to get out, but Mr. Littleton foot through a hole in the sheet. That's won't let him. I wonder if he'll go into vaudeville when they release him. I be frightened at that noise, it's only see that the price of champagne has father snoring!

been reduced 20 per cent. I shouldn't be surprised if the price goes right up again when he's released!

"And so there's going to be war with Japan, after all-even if our fleet is in the Straits. I know it's so, because one of the New York magazines says so, and even fixes the date. Let me seeit's April 1, I think. What's that-all fool's day? Well, what of it? It's the Japs'll be fooled, I reckon! If there is war I wonder if President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, will take the field. I hope so; then I'm sure we'd win. The trouble with Mr. Roosevelt is he's so modest. We all know he's one of the wisest men on earth, and yet in his last message he begins a paragraph by saying 'I don't know.' Of course he does know, but he's too timid to say so!

"Did you ever hear of a luckler investment than that Count Sneeze-om off, or whatever his name is, made? He went down to the City Hall, New York, and he paid just one silver dollar for a license, and then went up and married a Vanderbilt. They're not worrying about hard times, you may be surenot this year, at least. They've got \$5,090,000 put away in a bank in Hungary, and they won't know anything about a stringency in the money market, even if Mr. Cortelyou does refuse to help Wall street once more. I tall you, Job, that there's going to be a lot more stringency, as they call it, if these bankers don't quit running off with people's money. They need just such examples as that of Banker Walsh, who has been sentenced to 250 years in prison-I don't see why they didn't sentence him for life, do you?

"I saw it stated in one of the papers that the recent panic was due entirely to a lot of gossip between two women That's what these smart alecks call Churchy lar Fem, as the French sayit means that there's a woman at the bottom of every trouble; you may be sure that it was a Frenchman that wrote that-nasty little beasts! I see some professor at Yale says that one of the hardest things in the world is to live with a genius-he meant hard for a woman, of course. I want to say right now that most women have to be real geniuses if they're going to live with the men they marry. Of course, I hate to speak about myself, but the fact that we're still here in happy relations together might be taken as significant if some people were not so selfishly blind. I may not have genius,

"Did you see where a scientist has discovered that insects blush just like human beings do, not that I ever saw you blush, Job; not even that day when I slipped and fell on the ice in front of the Y. M. C. A. and exposed my-well, I do think you needn't have laughed! Just think of insects having intelligence enough to blush. I should hope fleas were not troubled with the habit much; if they were, I should think they'd be a little more careful on whom they jump. I went over to see Mrs. Catesby the other day and took her poodle in my lap, and when I got home I just know there was an old audit system. No wonder the a fiea on me. I felt him right between for the reception and the euchre party at Harry Cunningham's, I just had to undress almost entirely to get the little brute off me-and then I had to reach behind me with a parlor broom! I'll bet that flea had forgotten how to blush. Talking about blushing, I think it's just shameful what some of these editors print. You know my Aunt Jane, since her husband's death, she's been running the farm near Elkhart, Ind., all by herself, and the paper had a piece all about the Indiana woman-farmer and spoke about her fine calves-I don't think they have any right to comment on the personal appearance of a poor,

"I've been awful interested, too, in reading about that new law in Belgium which allows every married man to have two votes. That's as it should be. It offers a fine inducement for marriage, for if a man had two votes he could really double his income on election day, could he? Women could get into politics that way, too, because if a man had two votes he could use one to vote the way he wanted, and the other to vote the way his wife wanted -then we might hope to have the country properly governed. I'll bet that if the women voted we wouldn't have

any Congresses costing us \$150 a minute!

"What do you know, Job, about this Luther Burbank, who is able to turn cabbages into pineapples, and grow birds without feathers, which bark like dogs. I hear a lot of wonderful facts about him. He's going to turn bis attention, I hear, to raising a new kind if Presidential bee-a bee that will be born with a natural aversion to anything like a Democratic bonnet, and warranted not to sting Mr. Bryan again. Won't that be nice. He does say the most interesting things. He says that one ounce of eggs will make 7.000 silkworms-I don't know how he does it, or whether he uses cold storage eggs or not, but some of the eggs we've been having for breakfast recently tasted as if they'd been experiment-

"What's that? Listen, Job! That's little Haley calling; he's crying, Job. Run and see what's the matter. What, are you asleep? Well, I'll go myself. even if I do catch my death of cold. Where in the world are my slippers? I'm coming, Haley dear-mama's coming! Oh, lor, the poor child's got his all right, Haley, my precious-no, don't

The Toast to the President. From the Youth's Companion.

Certain duties and customs are so much larger than any individual that to compli- 11,000 cases of suicide reported in the cate them with personalities is ill-bred press. The average per day was just and irreverent. It has been the custom about thirty. That appalling record at public dinners to drink to the health marked a small advance over 1906, when of the President of the United States. there were more than 10,000 instances simple proposal of the Aldrich bill. This ed as a rebuke to Mr. Roosevelt, it was exceeded that which included all the merely provides that there shall be ready out of place. If it was intended as a homicides, lynchings, hunting accident for immediate use when serious monetary patriotic tribute to the people or the stringency threatens the business comminity an additional supply of circulating toast to the President is an old social accidents might be added to this list notes which the banks can promptly ob- form, and has nothing whatever to do and still the record of suicide would take tain by Cepositing approved securities with the person who is President. To precedence with the Treasury Department. The spetuous a nation is like trying to pat the

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